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Letter dated 13 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The news of terrorist attacks in the United States of America has caused a deep sense of shock and sorrow in Pakistan. Immediately on learning of the tragic news, President General Pervez Musharraf addressed a letter to President George Bush conveying our deep sympathies to the bereaved families while reaffirming Pakistan's continued resolve to be part of the international efforts in rooting out this modern day evil.

In a statement yesterday, President Pervez Musharraf has assured President Bush and the United States Government of Pakistan's unstinted cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The text of President's statement is reproduced below:

> "The people of Pakistan are deeply shocked and outraged at the dreadful terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., which have resulted in the unprecedented loss of thousands of innocent lives. It is difficult to describe in words our sorrow and grief at this moment of national tragedy for the American people. I have conveyed the deepest condolences and sympathy of the people and Government of Pakistan to President George Bush, the bereaved families and the American people in a message last evening.
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> "We strongly condemn this barbaric act of terrorism, which will live in memory as a most heinous crime against humanity. As we try to grasp the magnitude of the tragedy and mourn those who have perished, we pray for the recovery of thousands of others who have suffered injuries.

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"We regard terrorism as an evil that threatens our societies. Concerted international effort is needed to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The carnage in New York and Washington has raised this struggle to a new level. Pakistan has been extending cooperation to international efforts to combat terrorism in the past and will continue to do so. All countries must join hands in this common cause.

"I wish to assure President Bush and the United States Government of our unstinted cooperation in the fight against terrorism."

I shall be grateful if my letter is circulated as an official document of the Security Council and General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Shamshad **Ahmad**